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Attorney General John Ashcroft

US Department of Justice

950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

The IT industry and the economy have been affected enough by the suit brought against Microsoft by the Department of Justice. The litigations have wasted time and tax dollars and it is time this matter is resolved. I am of the opinion that Microsoft has done more than they should have in the first place with regards to the settlement. Microsoft has in part, been responsible for the stabilization of the economy in the 90's and I feel that they should be allowed to continue with their business.

Microsoft has agreed to conditions that will allow for more competition in the IT industry that will in turn benefit the economy and the consumer. In order to do this Microsoft will give competitors the ability to make software that is compatible with Windows, and they will not retaliate against them. Also, they will be monitored by a three person technical committee that will make sure Microsoft adheres to the terms of the settlement and it will also help settle disputes. Clearly Microsoft has done more than what they should have to settle this and so should the Department of Justice.

The country's economy and its citizens will benefit from ending this whole mess. Microsoft should be allowed to return to business as usual. Thank-you.

Sincerely,

Thomas Canfield